Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

Williamsburg, Virginia

January 29, 1951

Dear Schneider:

Calude Pritchard, through Defense Service, sent me your information about the Tom Heatherburys. His letter came today, and while we already knew of them, it is a pleasure to know that our Churches are keeping up with members.

Our first information was through the card used in our "Expression of Friendship", in which we ask everyone at Church to sign a card. Assoon as we got their names several of us went to see them. I have missedthem a couple of times, but others have enjoyed seeing them at home.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John H. Grey

John H. Grey, Jr.

Tuesday
November 14, 1950

Dear Edith and Arthur,

What a pleasant surprise we had to receive a letter from Arthur! And a nice long letter it was too! But seriously, we did appreciate it and you can imagine how valuable letters from home are to us.

Was sorry to hear of Ruth Reed's father being ill. We haven't heard anything from them, but hope they are happy in our house.

Thanks for the information about Harry & Eddie's baby. Have made some booties which I shall send to her.

Found out that they have two afternoon circles and three at night here. Most of the other meetings are at night. It seems

that so many of the people work with the restoration they can't get off during the day. I went to an afternoon circle yesterday. Nice meeting with about 14 present. The Bible teacher was wonderful. She gives the Bible lesson each time. We planned a Christmas party and gifts for the inmates at the Mental Hospital here. There are 1700 patients there.

We surely do appreciate the Church bulletins you send. Was especially glad to get the one with the addresses. I'll try to get around to writing some of them.

Some time planned to hear of the Deacons having the outside of the Church painted. Someone wrote that the congregation was coming to elect home deacons

in order to have more active ones. Is there anything to it? I was hoping Perry would become more active. Ernestine said he went to the meeting in October. If he will just get interested he would be a wonderful worker.

I think Mrs. Jefferies a grand person for Young People's Advisor. They are a good addition to our Church role.

We went to Virginia Beach Sunday afternoon. Everything was closed down because this is not "the season". However I did get my first look at the Atlantic Ocean (I didn't even see it when I went to New York!) It was beautiful. However, I was disappointed that there was no shine along the shore. You

have to park your car and walk along the seawall. We plan to go to Richmond this Saturday afternoon.

We're having two of Joni's friends in for supper tonight and I'm going to serve baked shrimp. We don't think the seafood we get at restaurants in this vicinity nearly as good as what we get at home. Not seasoned as well.

How are Sandy, Micky, and Russell? Tell them I said "hello". How is Russ getting along at school?

That's all for now. Keep us up with Church news and everything. Love, Uncle Ralph

Tuesday, October 31, 1950

Dear Beth,

We enjoyed your letter so much and are happy to know that Russell is looking out for Roger. You will both get such a kick out of the sequent of the football game - enjoy hearing about the things the kids do. By the way, each of the families in this building has children above and below! They are only apartments like mine - Can everything is fine until the children play in the hall. The families in this building are husbands were called back and they don't know how long they will be here. We all feel like we're camping. The family meeting night was a wonderful idea. I sincerely hope it works. Tell Arthur to give me a report on the young adult Sunday School class. I heard they were going to get Katie for a teacher which I think is fine but I hate for her class to break up because some of them might quit coming. Also tell Arthur we appreciated the Church Programs he sent and would welcome a letter from him when he has time to write.

I think I told you that these friends of mine who have an apartment near us have dinner with us each evening. She and I take turns about cooking. She is Cuban and is a wonderful cook, so I really enjoyed myself

last week. Had plenty
my rug. Am also making some
presents.

Tom was
afternoon or Sunday
week-end. We went to the
Heaven", Sat. afternoon
home Stella had a
Mexican food; tortillas
crushed with onions
Sunday after Church
News and Norfolk.
of Tom's in both places.
drive, four lane highway
of every color on each
30 minute ferry
& Norfolk. Quite a nice trip.

Tell Ruth
arthur & all the children

Tuesday
August 28th

Dear Edith:

Was I surprised to get such a quick answer to my last letter! It was very welcome though.

I hope you all have had a nice summer — I say "have had" because it seems to me like fall is already here. We've been sleeping under a blanket every night for a week. However, I know we will have more warm weather before winter gets here for good.

Guess you knew Aunt Lola, Dick, and a friend of here from Birmingham came for a week-end. It was so good to see them & I'm sure the vacation and seeing Bob did her a world of good. All our Momas have been to see us now so I don't guess we will be having any more company this summer. Now, we are beginning to look forward to Christmas!

Aunt Lola sent us some "crab boil" and file' so we're planning to go crabbing in the York River on Labor Day & cook a big pot of gumbo. My mouth is watering just thinking of it!

We went to a picnic the Church had on someone's farm near the James River Saturday. Much good food. By the way, tell Arthur the church here has never received word from the Pascagoula Church that we are members in good standing! They wanted us to become associate members here and Arthur wrote several months ago that he had instructed Mr. Allen to write the letter. It doesn't matter particularly to us. Our membership will remain in the Pascagoula Church anyway.

The wife of Doris sergeant is having a birthday tomorrow so he asked us to go to dinner with them at King's Arms Tavern — which is the

Sunday
April 8, 1951

Dear Edith and Arthur,

From your recent letter and others we received seems like Pascagoula is on the [illegible] again. Hope our Church will grow with [illegible] Zion. I'll bet you have a lot of Kesler [illegible] people attending don't you? Are there [illegible] prospective members among the Juva people and this other new plant?

My sister, Jean, and her husband [illegible] here last week. We [illegible] to Washington by way [illegible] Saturday and spent Saturday [illegible] Sunday sightseeing in Washington. [illegible] had been there before, but I had only [illegible] to the train station and airport so [illegible] enjoyed myself. It is a beautiful place. We want to go back on a week day [illegible] time so we can see the Congress and [illegible] in session. Jean and Soule are [illegible] to be living there so we will [illegible] go back often.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. John III sat across the aisle from us in Church today!

I think this is the first time they've been to the Presbyterian Church since we've been here. I think they're Baptist.

My Sunday School class had a spaghetti supper for our husbands the other night. It was real nice. Had one of the College students, "Zex" somebody, to play the guitar and sing with everyone joining in it. Very informal.

We're going to move either the first of the month. Will let you know our address. The restored office of a plantation houses on the edge of town. It's right big house & is real cute, two bedrooms & bath, but big enough for us.

Arthur, You enjoyed your accounts of your fishing trips in your last letter. We've been inquiring about streams & lakes around here, but most of them are private & we don't know the right people yet!

Hope the children are all well. Write when you have time.

Love to you both
from both of us.
Rosebud

704 Robinson Rd.,
Williamsburg, Va.

Sunday
March 18, 1951

Dear Edith,

We surely enjoyed your recent letters. I'm glad you and Arthur don't get together on your letter writing because we get two letters in answer to our one! Keep up the good work!

We've been having beautiful spring weather. It's right cold at times, but the flowers are beautiful and fruit trees are bursting open all over the place. We're still hoping to get to Washington this spring while the cherry trees are in bloom. All the formal gardens here are springing up on the lawns. That's something we never see at home because they are in the ground in winter. They are such sweet little things yellow, white, & blue over the lawns. Not only all the "restored" homes have formal gardens since that was the style in the 18th Century. Arthur, you will be interested in the Easter services the Church here is having. On Saturday night there is a Communion Service, which I think is most appropriate, then on Sunday morning (in addition to the Sunrise Service at the College which we probably won't make) they're having what they call a Family Service at 9:30 a.m. This will keep the 11 o'clock service from being so crowded. The Methodist Church here is having an afternoon service on Good

[illegible] the other denominations are [illegible].

Tom went to his first Men's Supper Friday and enjoyed it very much. My Sunday school class is having a spaghetti supper next week for our husbands. It will be nice to get to know some of the young couples better.

Are the Lalbrooks going to stay in our church since they moved? Their move brought up the Sunday School superintendent problem again. I hope he will be happy with his work at Gillingrath and that they have a nice place to live. How will Dorothy go to school? How are all the children? Have they had showers? Ernestine wrote that [illegible] the morning now. Sounds [illegible] is on the boom again.

[illegible] with Reed "hello" for me. I think it sound that they're so interested in the [illegible] and know the Pioneers like them as [illegible].

How is Mrs. Price's mother? And, how all the neighbors, Bertha, Mrs Cox, [illegible], + Pitts? Say "hello" to all for me. [illegible] had a nice letter from Mey. We enjoy [illegible] from everyone at home so much, but [illegible] such poor letters in return. I seem to [illegible] my letters with questions.

Went to Richmond yesterday and bought a new Easter bonnet. Five of the girls from the office went & Tom drove us. Poor thing, he was strictly outnumbered!

My sister Jean, who married last month, and her husband are coming to see us week after next. He has realtives in Washington whom they will visit and then come here for a few days. He was hoping for an F.B.I. appointment but so far it hasn't come through. He plans to look into it while in Washington. Surely wish they could stay there a while. At present he is working law with his father in Laurel.

Write us all the news when you have time. We enjoy your letters so much.

Love to each of you,

Rosebud

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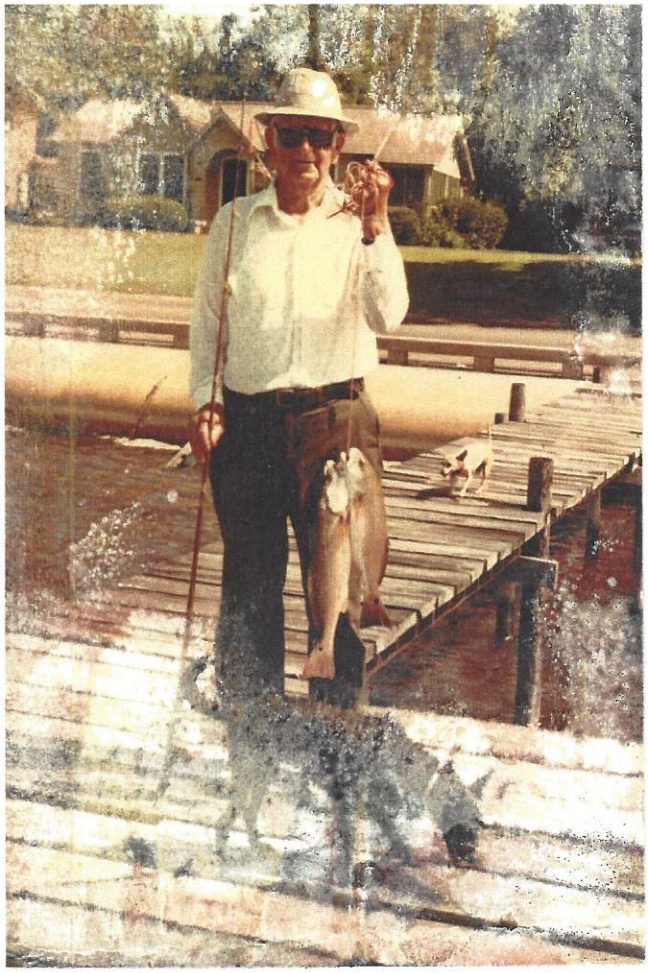
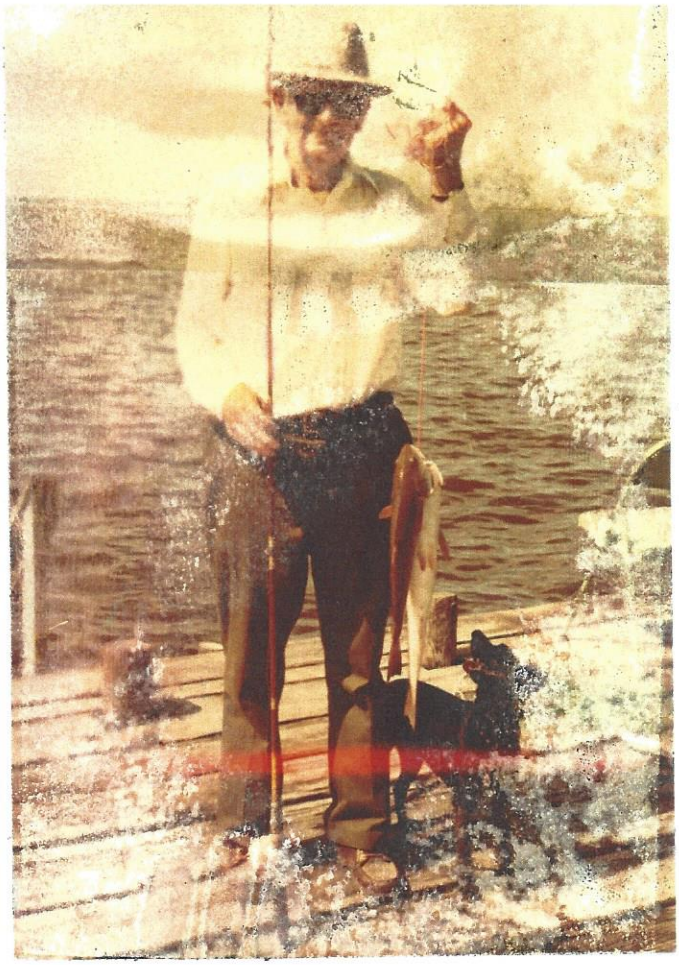
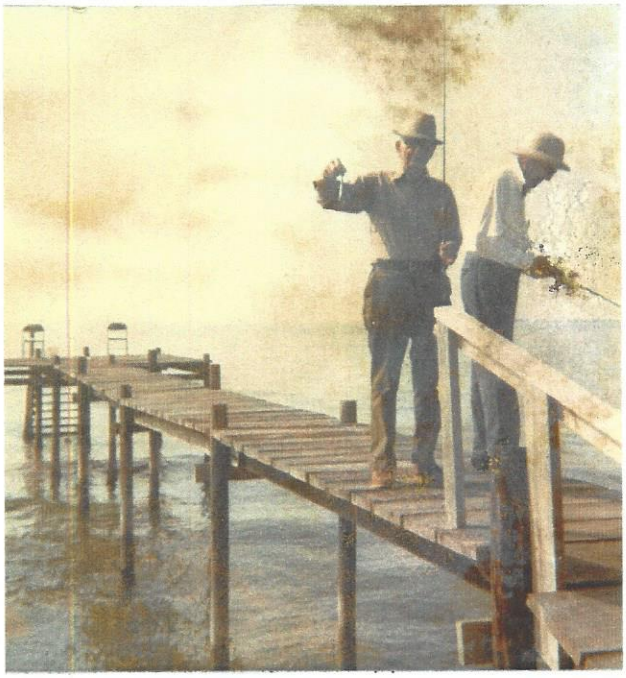
GOD LOVES YOU... AND SO DO I!

January 8, 1999

Dear Arthur,

I've been thinking of you & praying for a quick recovery. Hope you can make it to prayer group on Monday.

Love,
Rosie